

PAGSA April 2024 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Wednesday, April 24th, 11:30 to 13:00

Where: Elliott 038 (basement meeting room), or on Zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/4045074427?omn=88333615193>

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. [Agenda March 2024](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alex
 - a. Finance Review
 - b. GSS Financial Contributions Remarks
4. External Updates Ted
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS Jade
5. New business Alex
 - a. [To-do](#) for the summer
6. Old business Alex
 - a. Supervision WG update Olivia
7. Internal Updates Aydan
 - a. Tech Scott
 - b. Academic
 - i. Software Plumbing, SPACE
 - c. Social Simon
 - i. End of term event
 - d. Student Affairs Adrienne
 - e. Sports Max
 - i. Purchase
 - f. Reps Annabelle, Bryn, Olivia
 - i. Mentorship

Taker: Aydan McKay

Executive Members:

- Alex Beaubien - Present - In Person
- Aydan McKay - Present - Arrived 11:37
- Max Kurzner - Present - In Person
- Simon Smith - Present - In Person
- Scott Wilkinson - Present - In Person
- Adrienne Scott - Present - In Person
- Bryn Lonsbrough - Present - Arrived 11:57
- Olivia Masella - Present - In Person
- Annabelle Czihaly - Absent - No Regrets Sent
- Jade Fischer - Present - In Person
- Jonathan Qualter - Present - Arrived 12:11
- Ted Grosson - Absent - No Regrets Sent

11:35 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:35 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Second: Simon Smith

11:36 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

GSS grant

Approved for \$500 grant, will arrive soon.

Dept. will contribute ~\$450 soon

Will last us til end of next fiscal year (next April) (roughly \$1100; \$250 for academic, \$700 for social, left over to be distributed/used for misc.)

GSS financial contribution remark: we have to say we're using GSS money when we use it. On the announcements/during the event.

11:39 - External Updates - Mover - Alex Beaubien

11:39 - CUPE & GSS - Mover - Jade Fischer

McKinnon Gym is getting shut down, so the only thing that is included in the UVic Athletics fee is the pool

GSS is working on a new supervision policy but will take ~1 year to complete.

Currently the GSS is non-partisan, but in the future they will shift to a company that will be allowed to voice political opinions backed by the GSS.

CUPE - Adrienne

- AGM consisted of elections, and a brief mention of the student unionization, but nothing substantial

11:45 - New Business - Mover - Alex Beaubien

To-do for the summer

- Tasks for the exec: clarify the roles to make the transition at the next AGM smoother. Questions to answer such as: Did the role match the expectations? Would you rephrase anything? How to make the transition smoother? Any documents to back up? Any comments on the meetings? Anything that can improve PAGSA in the future?
 - Answers can be answered in many ways, privately or publicly, see the link.
- What are some other tasks we should do before the next school year?

11:50 - Old Business - Mover - Alex Beaubien

Working Group on Departmental Supervision Policy

- Hypothesis: When students meet with Pavel, it is already too late often times. Therefore, an expectation form should be made for the

incoming students, outlying things such as amount of hours worked per week, meetings, etc.

- Create a sheet to fill out between supervisor and grad student, which can be revised periodically throughout the year.
 - Important to have a secondary mediator there, could be the second supervisor, just to insure that it is reasonable.
 - Does not need to be immediate, but something to check in at during the committee meeting.
 - Could show this to the grad mentor as a third party.
 - Important to keep it informal, as if it is formal then people won't do it.

12:02 - Internal Updates - Mover - Alex Beaubien

12:02 - Tech- Mover - Aydan McKay

Website wants list

- There are a lot of pages in limbo, a revision from all the people who created the pages is needed.
- A “hack-a-thon” will be planned, Scott will create a poll for when to meet, and everyone will get together and fix all the pages.

12:11 - Academic - Mover - Scott Wilkinson

Software Plumbing

- Julia Workshop tomorrow!

SPACE

- 6-7 talks this year with abstracts have been sent in, organizing talks will be simpler this time and the website will be updated.
- Still open slots, so people can fill those slots in if there are late submissions.
- A sign up sheet for hosting needs to be made, as Scott will be absent for a lot of talks.

Be sure to send your receipts to Alex!

12:19 - Social - Mover - Simon Smith

End of Term Event

- **If there is no rain:**
 - Sam is willing to BBQ, Costco trip will be made that afternoon
 - Games are tested and ready to go
 - 36 people signed up for the BBQ, 27 for the games and 6 maybes.
- **If Sam is unavailable:**
 - Pizza instead
- **If there is rain:**
 - Reschedule the games, but still do the food.
- An email will be sent out with the decision tomorrow.

Summer events

Idea to organize a backpacking trip with all those that would like to come

- Likely would be small numbers.
- There exist many places to rent gear for those that don't have any

A lot of support was shown for this, will likely develop further by next meeting, keep posted on discord for updates.

Bowling

- Expensive, could maybe only cover a portion of the bill

12:35 - Student Affairs - Mover - Adrienne Scott

No updates, survey has been helpful for the supervisory committee working group.

12:36 - Sports - Mover - Max Kurzner

Purchasing equipment

- Spikeball has been purchased, along with some other games for the EOTE, located in EII 412
 - Should investigate the possibility of putting
- Some requests for participants in summer intermurals have been voiced on the discord.

12:39 - Department Reps - Mover - Olivia Masella, Bryn Lonsbrough

Department meeting

- Centralizing IT
 - People were voicing concerns about physics specific software not being covered by a general IT.
 - Also concerns about lay-offs and money.

Mentorship

- Need to start organizing this years mentorship program. Last year was well done and a lot of the materials will be carried over.
- Can start sending out emails looking for mentors now, new grad student list won't be available yet, but should be inquired.

12:48 - Meeting Adjournment - Alex Beaubien